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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY JO AKINS.
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10 WHEREAS, with profound sorrow and regret, we receive
11 news of the death of Mrs. Mary Jo Akins of Fort Payne,
12 Alabama, on February 3, 2011, at the age of 94 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the passing of Mrs. Akins leaves a void in
14 the lives of her loving family, her many friends, and the
15 entire community, where she was well-known and highly
16 regarded; she was a member of Walkers Chapel United Methodist
17 Church, where she taught Sunday School for more than 45 years;
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19 WHEREAS, she was born in Jamestown, Alabama, in
20 Cherokee County, where she attended a small school for eight
21 years before going to boarding school at Snead Seminary in
22 Boaz, where she completed high school and two years of junior
23 college; she began her exemplary teaching career at a
24 one-teacher school in the Black Oak community on Lookout
25 Mountain; during World War II, she worked on the Home Front
26 for the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

1 WHEREAS, she and her late husband, Hubert Howard
2 Akins, purchased and operated Akins Grocery Store in Dogtown,
3 an enterprise that evolved into Akins Furniture Store; after
4 her retirement in 1978, she continued to be actively involved
5 in her community and church; she also enjoyed spending time
6 with her grandsons and pursuing her passion, genealogical and
7 historical research, and her extensive findings resulted in
8 several books; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, she was
10 preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Nora King
11 Kennedy; brother, William J. Kennedy; and sister, Muriel Ray
12 Kennedy Richardson; and

13 WHEREAS, she is survived by her son, Kerry David
14 (Sheila) Akins; three grandsons; Jason, Scott, and Chris;
15 eight great-grandchildren; and many other devoted family
16 members; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Akins was a valued member of the
18 community; although her presence will be missed, her memory
19 will be cherished in the hearts and minds of those who were
20 fortunate to know her; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the death of Mrs. Mary Jo
23 Akins is recorded with deep sadness, and this resolution is
24 offered in tribute to her life, along with heartfelt sympathy
25 to her grieving family.